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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-60 were pending and subject to a restriction requirement. Without admitting the restriction requirement is correct on the merit, Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-20) for further prosecution by canceling without prejudice claims 21-60, and reserves the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

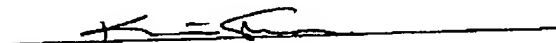
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call/email the undersigned attorney.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any shortage of fees in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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